

MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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April 12, 1971

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FROM: W. R. SMYER
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TO: AMBASSADOR DAVID BRUCE
FROM: DR. KISSINGER
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1. I am glad you thought so highly of the section on Indochina in the President's Annual Foreign Policy Statement.

2. I would be grateful if you would consider, at an early session, excerpting portions of that text which deals with the negotiations and *presenting* reading them to the other side in Paris.

3. I think such a move would have three beneficial effects. First, it would provide us with a somewhat different type of statement than we have had occasion to make recently, and might evoke some interest. Second, it might provide a wider echo for some of these thoughts. Last but not least, it might induce a North Vietnamese response or a disclaimer of our analysis, particularly on the political issue.

4. Now that the Laos operation is over, we are casting about for ways to re-focus attention on the negotiating track. Our purpose would be not to change our position but to emphasize it more in the public mind. I would welcome your thoughts on how we could best do this.

Warm regards,

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